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*All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.*

-- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

## 10 heinous lies about Kyle Rittenhouse debunked:

Devine

By Miranda Devine

Of all the willful lies and omissions in the media's coverage of the Steele dossier, the Covington kids, Jussie Smollett, the Wuhan lab, Hunter Biden's laptop and so on, nothing beats the evil propaganda peddled about Kyle Rittenhouse.

They try to make the Rittenhouse case about race, but it's about class, punching down at the white working-class son of a single mother because they don't see him as fully human, and it makes them feel good.

The central media narrative is that Kyle Rittenhouse is a white supremacist whose mother drove him across state lines with an AR-15 to shoot Black Lives Matter protesters. All lies.

"A white, Trump-supporting, MAGA-loving Blue Lives Matter social media partisan, 17 years old, picks up a gun, drives from one state to another with the intent to shoot people," was typical from John Heilemann, MSNBC's national affairs analyst.

So, let's go through 10 lies about Rittenhouse, debunked in court:

**1. He killed two black BLM protesters.** All three of the men he shot in self-defense during violent riots in Kenosha on Aug. 25 last year were white.

**2. He crossed state lines.** He lived 20 miles from Kenosha in Antioch, Ill., with his mother and sisters. But his father, grandmother, aunt, uncle, cousins and best friend live in Kenosha. He had a job as a lifeguard in Kenosha and worked a shift on Aug. 25 before helping clean graffiti left by rioters. He and his friend were invited to join other adults who had been asked by the

owners of a used car lot in Kenosha to guard the property after 100 cars had been torched the previous night, when police abandoned the town to rioters. Kyle took his gun to protect himself, since the rioters were violent and armed, including, for instance, Antifa medic Gaige Grosskreutz, who lunged at him with a loaded Glock pointed at his head before he was shot in the arm.

**3. Rittenhouse took an AR-15 across state lines.** Esquire accused him of "terrorist tourism." False. His rifle was kept in a safe at his best friend's stepfather's house in Kenosha.

**4. The gun was illegal.** Wrong. Under Wisconsin law, he was entitled to possess the AR-15 as a 17-year-old. The judge dismissed the gun charge, which the prosecution never should have brought.

**5. Rittenhouse's mother drove him across state lines to the riot.** Wendy Rittenhouse never went to Kenosha. She slept late the morning of Aug. 25 after working a 16-hour shift at a nursing home, she told the Chicago Tribune. Kyle had already gone to his job in Kenosha when she woke up.

**6. He was an "active shooter" who took his gun to a riot looking for trouble.** "A 17-year-old kid just running around shooting and killing protesters," said MSNBC's Joe Scarborough, "who drove across state lines with an AR-15 and started shooting people up." After evidence in court already had debunked his talking points, Scarborough called Rittenhouse a "self-appointed militia member ... unloading 60 rounds." When the defense called out the lie in closing arguments, Scarborough had the gall to tweet that he was "embarrassed" for the lawyer.

**7. Rittenhouse is a "white supremacist," as then-candidate Joe Biden labeled him in a tweet showing the teenager's photograph.** When

White House press secretary Jen Psaki was asked to explain why recently, she slyly slimed Rittenhouse again, without naming him, as a "vigilante."

In one story, the Intercept used the term "white supremacist" 16 times. The accusation has become holy writ, but there is zero evidence. The FBI scoured Kyle's phone and found nothing about white supremacy or militias, the court heard. All they saw were pro-police, "Blue Lives Matter" posts from a kid who had been a police and fire department cadet, wanted to be a police officer or paramedic and once sat near the front of a Trump rally. That was enough for the media to brand him a white supremacist.

**8. He "flashed white power signs" with Proud Boys.** After spending three months in jail, Kyle was freed on \$2 million bail two days after his 18th birthday, and went to a bar for a beer, with his mother and other adults, which is legal in Wisconsin. He posed for selfies with strangers at the bar, who the media say are Proud Boys, and was pictured making the OK sign with his thumb and forefinger. The false claim that this is a white supremacist sign comes from a 2017 hoax on the website 4chan, to punk liberals, who keep falling for it. Biden uses the gesture frequently. It was unwise to pose for the photo, but it does not mean Kyle is associated with white supremacists.

**9. He wore surgical gloves to cover his fingerprints.** This pearl was spread by Matthew Modine, another celebrity bigmouth. Kyle wore gloves because he was giving first aid to protesters. His face was bare, so he was hardly hiding.

**10. Judge Bruce Schroeder is a "Trump" racist biased toward the defense.** This slur is based on the fact he would not let the prosecution use the term "victim" — common practice

when the jury has not ruled on a case. He told a lame joke about Asian food for lunch being held up by the supply-chain crisis, and his phone's ring tone sounds like a 1980s ditty played at Trump rallies. Ridiculous. In fact, Schroeder is a Democrat first appointed by a Democratic governor. Bias was also perceived in what the Chicago Tribune said was his "highly unusual" decision to allow Kyle to draw names randomly out of a container at the end of the trial to determine which 12 of the 18 jurors would decide his fate. It's something this judge always does, he told the court. On the second day of jury deliberations, the judge railed against media distortions, although he seemed most aggrieved about attacks on his reputation, rather than Kyle's. He threatened to stop trials from being televised, but that's exactly the wrong solution.

Only because the public was able to hear the evidence for themselves did they become aware of the malevolent dishonesty of the media coverage, which has threatened a fair trial and ensured riots if Kyle is justly acquitted.

-- nypost.com/2021/11/17/

## Rest in peace, Common Sense

Today, we mourn the passing of a beloved friend, Common Sense, who had been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, because his birth records were lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair and;
- Maybe it was my fault

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place: Reports of a 6 year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental

consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled some in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,-by his parents, Truth and Trust,-by his wife, Discretion,-by his daughter, Responsibility,-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren:-

- I Know My Rights-
- I Want It Now-
- Someone Else Is to Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

## Epik is a refuge for the deplatformed far right

In October of 2018, a man walked into the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh and killed 11 people -- the worst anti-Semitic attack in US history. The suspected shooter had been a serial poster of genocidal rantings about Jews on a social platform called Gab.

Later, another gunman in Christchurch, NZ, killed 51 people in two mosques -- the country's worst mass shooting in modern history. The 28-year-old live-streamed the rampage on Facebook and posted a manifesto online about "white genocide."

In both cases, mainstream tech companies scrambled to remove the content from the internet; Gab was yanked offline entirely.

And in both cases, a man named Rob Monster -- an outspoken born-again Christian and the CEO of a tech company called Epik -- republished much of the NZ content and put Gab back online. All in the name, he said, of free speech.

Monster publicly speculated the slaughter may have been faked.

"Shell casings simply vanish into thin air," he said soon after the massacre. "It looks like a low budget CGI."

Since those events, the wealthy Dutch-American tech entrepreneur has emerged as the notorious platform provider for far-right provocateurs banished by mainstream tech companies.

The conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, 2020 election deniers such as Ali Alexander, a far-right activist who spreads White nationalist ideas named Nick Fuentes, online forums such as Parler and AR15.com -- all have been jettisoned by mainstream social media companies or other tech giants. All have found a home at Epik.

Epik -- a domain-name registrar and web hosting company -- has transformed itself into a culture-war lightning rod.

Lightning struck this fall, when hacktivists illegally cracked open the company's databases and made them public, including 15 million email addresses, as well as names, home addresses, passwords and as many as 38,000 credit card numbers.

But while Epik is a victim of a crime, Monster, who has profited by turning his company into a haven for the far right, says he doesn't feel like a victim.

"It didn't kill us," he has said of the hack. "It's gonna make us stronger."

Heidi Beirich, chief strategy officer for the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism, said without Monster's Epik, "a lot of Nazi content" would not exist on the web.

"Is this about free speech or is he celebrating?" she said.

Monster, 54, has amassed a modest 4,600-plus followers on Twitter, where he peppers his social media posts with allusions to prayer and God.

After an hourlong conversation with CNN in his lakeside mansion, he would only offer on-the-record quotes through an attorney.

Epik's pivot to becoming the "free speech" alternative to Big Tech behemoths like GoDaddy has granted him visibility, which has been good for business.

But now, Monster complains that he feels demonized by the media. Despite the nature of the content his company enables, he speculates that this media treatment -- he once referred to it as "persecution" -- has something to do with his last name, which is common in the Netherlands, where there exists a town called Monster.

"It sounds like a villain," he said recently, "but I'm not a villain."

Monster stresses that he isn't a free speech absolutist. Indeed, he has declined service for two of the web's fringiest elements -- a forum called

8chan and a neo-Nazi website called The Daily Stormer -- because they "propagate hate." --CNN  
December 9, 2021

## Data Disproves Left's Fear of Adhering to the Constitution On Guns

This year has seen the largest increase ever in the number of concealed handgun permit holders—more than two million, for a total of 21.52 million. On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case of *NYSRPA v. Bruen*, which has a chance to further increase this total.

Six states now have more than 1 million permit holders: AL, FL, GA, IN, PA, and TX. Alabama has the highest rate of adults with permits, at 32.1 percent. By contrast, NJ and HI have rates of less than 0.1 percent.

The statistics don't include vast numbers of Americans who carry without permits in the twenty-one "constitutional carry" states.

Women, blacks and Asians are driving the increase in permits. Women now make up 28.3 percent of permit holders, and black Americans 11 percent.

The current Supreme Court case has to do with the seven "may issue" states, which require applicants to provide "proper cause" with "good justification." The court is considering replacing this discretionary process with objective rules.

Chief Justice John Roberts and others asked, if you don't have to justify what you are going to say "when you're looking for a permit to speak on a street corner . . . why do you have to convince somebody, that you're entitled to exercise your Second Amendment right?"

When Brian Fletcher, the principal US deputy solicitor general, said [the requirement to] prove a "demonstrated need" was consistent with the Second Amendment, Roberts responded: "I'm not sure that's right. . . . regardless of what the [constitutional] right is, it would be surprising to have it depend upon a permit system."

During Wednesday's oral arguments. Justice Stephen Breyer raised fears such as: "People of good moral character who start drinking a lot and who may be there for a football game or — or some kind of soccer game can get pretty angry at each other. And if they each have a concealed weapon, who knows?"

But we don't need to guess what happens. The data shows that this fear is unfounded.

For example, in Florida and Texas, permit holders are convicted of firearms-related violations at one-twelfth of the rate at which police officers are convicted. In the 19 states, where the revocation rate for permits for any reason is available, the average rate is one-tenth of 1 percent, with the most common reasons including a person moving or dying or simply forgetting to have his permit with him while carrying.

If the Supreme Court rules against arbitrary and unfair permitting processes, even the media centers of New York City and Los Angeles might finally get to see for themselves that their fears of concealed carry are unjustified.

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-- [thefederalist.com/2021/11/09](http://thefederalist.com/2021/11/09)

## The Supreme Court and the Future of Your Gun Rights

By Cody Wisniewski

In early November the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral argument in what is shaping up to be the most significant Second Amendment case since *D.C. v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago* were decided in 2008 and 2010 respectively.

The case, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, challenges NY state's effective ban on the right of individuals to possess and carry firearms in public.

In NY an individual can only carry a firearm concealed if they receive a license issued by the state.

Yet,, a concealed carry license is incredibly difficult to get.

To start, a state licensing officer will only issue a concealed carry permit if you meet a lengthy list of criteria. But NY is also what's known as a "may issue" state – meaning the state adds an additional barrier to acquiring a permit.

A NY licensing officer will only issue a concealed carry license to an applicant "when proper cause exists for the issuance thereof."

Contrast this to "shall issue" states where licensing officers are required to issue a concealed carry license to any applicant who is not specifically prohibited from having one..

NY places an unfair burden on a concealed carry applicant. Namely, to "demonstrate a special need for self-preservation distinguishable from that of the general community or of persons engaged in the same profession."

And, unsurprisingly, NY officials interpret this arbitrary standard to exclude almost everyone – including those legitimately concerned for their personal safety.

Worse, seven other states apply this same arbitrary distinction – effectively denying the right to bear arms for all but a privileged few.

Two individuals joined with NYSR&PA to challenge NY's unconstitutional carry ban. Robert Nash applied for a concealed carry license after a string of robberies in his neighborhood; he even completed an advanced safety course before applying. Brandon Koch applied for a concealed carry license for the general purpose of self-defense, citing his broad experience and training in gun safety. Both were denied for supposedly lacking "proper cause."

So, this case presents the Supreme Court with a great opportunity. The Justices have the chance to firmly establish that a city or state's arbitrary definition of "special need" cannot overrule a law-abiding citizen's right to carry a firearm in public.

Also this case presents the Supreme Court with the opportunity to firmly establish the appropriate test for lower courts to evaluate Second Amendment challenges.

In the landmark case of *D.C. v. Heller* the Supreme Court set forth a new standard for reviewing Second Amendment cases based the Constitution's original public meaning (also known as the text, history and tradition test). The Supreme Court reiterated that test in *McDonald v. Chicago* just two years later.

But since then nearly every circuit court in the nation has failed to appropriately apply the test the Supreme Court established in *Heller* and *McDonald*.

Instead, the circuits take a deeply flawed, two-step approach to determine whether the challenged law implicates a "core" Second Amendment-protected right. And then if it does, to balance that right against the state's or city's "interests."

The Supreme Court refuted that approach in *Heller*, but circuit courts across the country have consistently ignored the Supreme Court's charge. And now the Supreme Court has the opportunity to address this issue.

Oral argument uncovered two key points in how this case will likely be decided.

First, not a single party argued that there was not a protected right to bear arms outside the home. This is a point that the Supreme court implied in

Heller but has not explicitly stated. Many anti-gun advocates have argued that the right doesn't truly exist in public, and yet the parties seemed to concede that point here.

Second, the Court (and indeed the advocates) were heavily focused on the text, history, and tradition test. While they did not all agree on how to apply that test, it was clear that Originalism, and original public meaning of the Second Amendment, were at the forefront of the Court's inquiry.

The outcome remains to be seen. In major cases like this, the Court usually waits until the end of the term to issue an opinion – meaning we may have to wait until May or June 2022 to know what the Court thinks in this case.

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*Cody Wisniewski, Director of the Mountain States Legal Foundation's Center to Keep and Bear Arms, wrote the MSLF's amicus brief in his case.*

## Does Enos Kanter Freedom really think that LeBron should shut up and dribble?

By Etan Thomas

Boston Celtics player Enes Kanter has spoken out on human rights violations in China and Turkey, where he grew up. His criticism of Turkey's president led Freedom's Turkish passport being cancelled. More recently, he has taken aim at LeBron James for his sponsorship deal with Nike and the company's alleged ties to forced labor in China. Then last month, he became a US citizen and legally changed his name from Enes Kanter to Enes Kanter Freedom.

Freedom's political activity down the years went mostly unnoticed to most of America.

That all changed when Freedom went on Fox News's Tucker Carlson Tonight. He attacked players like LeBron, Colin Kaepernick and the entire new generation of athlete activists who have spoken out about human rights violations in the US: state-sanctioned violence including the murders of George Floyd and many others. "I feel like they should just keep their mouth shut and stop criticizing the greatest nation in the world and they should focus on their freedoms and their human rights and democracy," Kanter told Carlson, who couldn't hide his exuberance that Freedom took the bait.

The backlash was swift. In the Atlantic Jemele Hill wrote that "the subtext of Carlson's question was obvious: Most NBA players are Black, and Carlson frequently portrays people of color who seek political and social

change as ungrateful and unpatriotic." In the Nation, Dave Zirin said that "For him [Carlson], having Enes attack powerful outspoken Black people must feel like getting the gift topping his list for Santa."

I understand the points Hill and Zirin made and agree with much of what they say but I didn't believe the Carlson interview was indicative of what Freedom really feels.

So I reached out to him to give him an opportunity to clarify or double down on what he told Tucker Carlson. Was he effectively using a familiar trope of the right: that players like LeBron should shut up and dribble?

"Where I'm coming from, Turkey is a brutal dictatorship," Freedom told me. "We have no freedom of speech, religion or expression. We have no democracy."

"So what I meant was, people should feel lucky and blessed to be in this situation [in America]. And obviously there are many issues in America. I'm definitely not denying it. I recognize many of them and racism is definitely at top of the list. But what I meant was at least, they're not in a country like Turkey, Syria, North Korea, Venezuela or Belarus."

"Obviously I stand for freedom and I would never, ever tell an athlete or not just an athlete, a human being or a celebrity to not use their platform. Because obviously the greatest thing we have is freedom of speech," he said.

Freedom did, however, fall into Carlson's trap. Tuckums (as MSNBC's Joy Reid calls him) was actually smiling as Freedom appeared to endorse Carlson's view that anyone who criticizes America is an enemy of America. Freedom acknowledged that his words had been twisted.

There's no question Tucker Carlson knew exactly what he was doing and his agenda was clear: Get Enes Kanter Freedom on while he is excited about becoming a US citizen and coax him into criticizing other Black athletes who aren't (in his eyes) as grateful and thankful to be in America as they should be, who have the audacity to criticize America and call out police brutality and white supremacy. Fox News only wants to continue their mantra that athletes (at least the ones who don't fall in line with their agenda) should shut up and dribble, and not dare to criticize the good ol' USA.

Hopefully, Freedom won't allow himself to be played by the likes of Fox News again. They do not care about human rights in China or Turkey. They are only out to use him as a pawn. -- www.theguardian.com 11 Dec 2021

## California man charged in Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol riot flees to Belarus

A California man charged with assaulting police in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol is believed to have taken refuge in Belarus, federal prosecutors said on Friday.

Evan Neumann, 49, was indicted on Friday on 14 criminal counts stemming from the deadly Capitol siege by supporters of then-President Donald Trump.

Neumann was seen in video footage donning a gas mask while standing near police in front of barricades set up at the Capitol Building, prosecutors said.

According to documents filed in the case, Neumann later removes his gas mask and shouts at the police, "I'm willing to die, are you?" before he physically rushes into them using a barricade as a battering ram.

According to the news outlet the Daily Beast, Neumann was featured last month in a Belarusian state television special titled "Goodbye, America," recounting his journey to the former Soviet republic and its capital, Minsk.

He said on the program that he was seeking political asylum in Belarus because the United States, in his opinion, is no longer a country of law and order, the Daily Beast reported.

Neumann is one of more than 220 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement during the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, which disrupted a joint session of Congress meeting to formally certify the November 2020 presidential election victory of Democrat Joe Biden over Trump, the Republican incumbent.

Four people died the day of the riot, and one Capitol police officer died the next day of injuries sustained while defending Congress. Hundreds of police were injured during the multi-hour melee and four officers have since taken their own lives.

— www.reuters.com December 11, 2021

## Texas [Proud Boy] gets 10years for shooting man in eye with paintball in protest

An Oregon court has sentenced a self-proclaimed member of the Proud Boys to 10 years in prison for shooting a man in the eye with a paintball gun during a protest last year.

Alan Swinney, 51, of Texas, was also sentenced Friday to three years of post-prison supervision,

according to the Multnomah County district attorney's office.

A jury found Swinney guilty on 11 criminal charges, including second-degree assault, second-degree unlawful use of mace, unlawful use of a weapon (paintball gun) and pointing a firearm at another.

Prosecutors said Swinney traveled to Portland to attend two days of protests in August 2020.

Senior Deputy DA Nathan Vasquez described Swinney as a "White nationalist vigilante cowboy" who traveled to Portland to "engage in political violence."

The Portland protests in the summer of 2020 were held in reaction to police violence, spurred specifically by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minn.

The Oregonian reported that defense attorneys said Swinney acted in self-defense against other "agitators" who attended the protests. Lawyer Joseph Westover sought a lesser sentence due to Swinney's post-traumatic stress disorder from his military service during Operation Desert Storm and his lack of a serious criminal record. — UPI December 11, 2021

### **Book Review: *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America* by John McWhorter**

Acclaimed linguist and award-winning writer John McWhorter argues that an illiberal neoracism, disguised as antiracism, is hurting Black communities and weakening the American social fabric. Americans of good will on both the left and the right are asking themselves: how has the conversation on race in America gone so crazy? According to McWhorter, a well-meaning but pernicious form of antiracism has become, not a progressive ideology, but a religion—and one that's illogical and unintentionally neoracist. In *Woke Racism*, McWhorter shows how this religion that claims to "dismantle racist structures" is actually harming his fellow Black Americans by infantilizing Black people, setting Black students up for failure, and passing policies that disproportionately damage Black communities. The new religion might be called "antiracism," but it features a racial essentialism that's barely distinguishable from racist arguments of the past. Fortunately for Black America, and for all of us, it's not too late to push back against woke racism. McWhorter shares scripts and

encouragement with those trying to deprogram friends and family. Most importantly, he offers a roadmap to justice that actually will help, not hurt, Black America. — Book blurb, Amazon

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### **Woke Racism is just another tiresome reactionary rant**

At its heart, *Woke Racism* is yet another reactionary shill game aimed at scaring suburban Americans into thinking The Purge is on its way. By raising the question, "How has the conversation on race in America gone so crazy?" McWhorter shows his hand early on as a 'shockademic' who wants Americans to think the country has suddenly lost its mind, conveniently ignoring the impact that genocide, centuries of industrial scale slavery, colonialism, segregation, and the occasional bombing of faraway lands back to the Stone Age may have contributed to unresolved national disharmony. By promoting 'woke racism' as the latest bogeyman, McWhorter gets to scaremonger white folks for clicks and dollars while simultaneously offering a convenient prophylactic for their paranoia: blame it on the blacks. -- RT.com 12th December 2021

Ed.: According to its website "RT (formerly Russia Today) is a Russian state-controlled international television network funded by the federal tax budget of the Russian government.

### **Virginia burglary suspect held at gunpoint by would-be victim until police arrived**

A Virginia burglary suspect armed with a knife was arrested after an armed resident held the intruder at gunpoint.

Jonah Smith, 47, was charged with burglary and attempted malicious wounding over a Dec. 12 incident that happened in the 10600 block of Railroad Court in Fairfax.

Smith, who was unknown to residents, entered a home through an unsecured door and refused to leave, according to the Fairfax Police.

Investigators say the burglary suspect displayed a knife and lunged toward one of the residents. One of the would-be victims, who was armed, discharged one round into the floor and held the suspect at gunpoint until police arrived.

Smith was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and was being held without bond as of Monday, police said.

-- www.foxnews.com Dec. 14, 2021

### **Commentary:**

If you hold a criminal at gun point, be sure to keep your distance so your gun cannot be grabbed. Also be prepared for what you are going to do if the criminal doesn't follow your orders. A less-lethal tool might be useful in that case, such as pepper spray, a taser, or a pepper ball gun to get compliance.

Remember: if the criminal turns around empty handed and walks away, you CANNOT use deadly force to stop them, as they are no longer a threat. Also, never shoot to wound. If you have time to aim to make a wounding shot, the threat isn't really all that imminent. Plus, even a shot to the leg, if it lands in the right place, could be fatal.

— VA-ALERT: VCDL Update 12/16/21

### **Covington teen Nicholas Sandmann settles \$275 million defamation lawsuit with NBC**

Covington Catholic High School student Nicholas Sandmann announced Friday that he settled a \$275 million defamation lawsuit against NBC.

NBC is the third corporate media organization to settle with Sandmann after he and his classmates were accused of mocking Native American activist Nathan Phillips during last January's March for Life event. Sandmann was wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat while he stood close to Phillips with an apparent smirk on his face that was widely noted and mocked.

Many in the media painted Sandmann as an aggressive racist who initiated the conflict with Phillips. However, an independent investigation concluded there was "no evidence that the students performed a 'Build the wall' chant."

In the days after the media's attacks on Sandmann, witness cell phone footage showed that Phillips initially approached Sandmann. Footage also showed that a group of Black Hebrew Israelites confronted both Sandmann's and Phillips' groups well before the two were face to face.

Sandmann's attorneys accused NBC of making "at least fifteen defamatory television broadcasts, six defamatory online articles, and many tweets falsely accusing Nicholas and his Covington Catholic High School ('CovCath') classmates of racist acts."

Sandmann's settlement with NBC comes after two settlements with the *Washington Post* and CNN. He

***In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.*** — Mark Twain

settled the \$275 million lawsuit with CNN in January and the \$250 million lawsuit against the *Washington Post* in July.

Last year, Sandmann's attorney, Todd McMurtry, said, "As many as 13 other defendants will be filed." Other defendants included ABC, CBS, the Guardian, Huffington Post, NPR, the Hill, and smaller outlets.

-- www.breitbart.com/2021/12/17

## Florida man, who threw plank, extinguisher at police gets longest Capitol riot sentence

A federal judge sentenced a U.S. Capitol rioter to 63 months in prison on Friday on charges that he threw a wooden plank and a fire extinguisher at police during the Jan. 6 attack on the seat of government.

Robert Scott Palmer, 54, of Largo, Florida, was sentenced for assaulting law enforcement with dangerous weapons during the assault, which took place as Vice President Mike Pence and members of Congress met to certify President Joe Biden's 2020 election victory.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan also ordered Palmer to pay \$2,000 in restitution, and he must serve three years of supervised release following his prison term.

More than 700 people have been arrested in connection with the assault on the Capitol by supporters of defeated Republican President Donald Trump. – Reuters December 17, 2021

### Dear GOA Member

No doubt about it – the next few months will determine if the "American way" will survive.

Your freedoms are on the line. The anti-gun Left doesn't want you to win.

So far this radical regime has:

\* A President rubber-stamping Executive Orders to ban legally-owned guns, such as homemade guns and pistol-braced firearms.

\* A President placing America under United Nations gun control by declaring he will re-sign their gun-snatching "ATT" treaty:

\* A President and Senate leadership plotting to shed the filibuster so they can ram their anti-gun agenda down our throats.

They're not just coming for your guns.

They're coming for you.

GOA is putting all we can into this fight. And we are mobilizing our members through mailings, social media, phone calls, texting, and radio ads.

Your past support makes all this possible..

Please renew your 2022 membership now. If you have already done so, then please consider further supporting our fight with your best possible gift, regardless of the amount. - - Gun Owners of America, 8001 Forbes Place, Suite 202, Springfield, VA 22151

### 'Kill before being killed': Antifa urges members to take up arms after Rittenhouse verdict

Some members of Antifa are responding to the acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse by getting guns themselves.

According to social media posts collected by conservative journalist Andy Ngo, the violent leftist group sees as a threat to them Rittenhouse's successful claim of self-defense in the shootings of three rioters in Kenosha, Wisconsin, last year.

"Antifa accounts in Portland & beyond are terrified over the Rittenhouse acquittal because they're afraid others will shoot them dead during an attack & have a legal argument for self-defense. They're urging comrades to get guns immediately so they can kill before being killed," Mr. Ngo wrote on Twitter, providing multiple screenshots to support his claim.

Just hours after the acquittal the account Antifada161 noted that "every leftist and antifascist who doesn't have guns...should consider getting one/some as fast as possible".

The shadowy group is purposely secretive and its masked activists basically never use their real

names or have verifiable identities on social media.

But numerous group members, following the framing of the Rittenhouse case on MSNBC and other left-leaning news outlets, said last week's verdict gives conservatives a right to kill them.

"Can't stress enough about how much the Rittenhouse acquittal has altered the protest landscape. What little safety we thought we might have had doesn't actually exist and it's just open season on us for all of the Kyle Rittenhouses," wrote Twitter poster "VioletNightmare."

Activist "Chud Watch" agreed and said the fears were widespread.

"We talk about this all the time with our close circles ... the day the boy walked, the game changed," he wrote. - - washingtontimes.com/2021/11/23

### Alec Baldwin ignored the No. 1 rule of gun safety: Hollywood weapons expert

Alec Baldwin, 63, who accidentally killed his cinematographer on the set of his film "Rust" in Santa Fe, NM, should have never pointed a gun at another human, even if he believed it was safe, Hollywood safety experts told The Post.

The actor is now likely to face a gauntlet of legal challenges — including possible criminal charges — as both the man who pulled the trigger and as the executive producer responsible for set safety.

Baldwin was told it was safe to use the prop, a warrant application from the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office says.

New Mexico criminal attorney Erlinda Johnson, a former state and federal prosecutor, said the actor faces possible criminal liability for involuntary manslaughter.

"All the state needs to demonstrate is that he was engaged in a lawful but dangerous act and did not act with due caution," she said.

"That's what the state has to prove for involuntary manslaughter, which is a fourth-degree felony with a maximum penalty of up to 18 months in prison."

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